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SUBJECT: HUNGARY TO PHASE OUT BREEDING CATTLE IMPORTS

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1. ON DECMEBER 21, AGATTACHE MET SZALECZKY OF THE CENTER OF STATE FARMS TO DISCUSS LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE HUNAARIAN CATTLE BREEDING PROGRAM. FOLLWOING ARE MAJOR POINTS MADE BY SZALECZKY.

2 HUNGARY'S DAIRY CATTLE BREED IMPROVEMENT PROGRRAM HAD ADVANCED TO THE POINT WHERE IMPORTS OF HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN HEIFERS WILL BE GERMINATED AFTER 1979 OR 1980. IMPROVEMENT IN THE BREEDING PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE, BUT WITH INCREASED EMPHASIS ON OWN BREEDING MATERIAL AND IMPROTATION OF ABOUT 20 REGISTERED BULLS AND 100,000 SEMEN YEARLY.

3. LATE IN 1976, A DECISION WAS MADE FOR IMPORTATION OF 8,000 HEAD OF HOSSTEIN FRIESIAN HEIFERS (ABOUT 6,000 FROM THE U.S. ALONE) DURING 1977 AND 1978. IMPORTS WERE SPEEDED UP DURING  
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1977, REACHING A RECORD TOTAL OF SMOE 7,200 HEAD. THIS LEFT ABOUT 800 HEAD FOR IMPORTATION IN 1978.

4. DEMAND IN HUNGARY FOR HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN HEIFERS FROM OVERSEAS REMAINS STRING, HOWEVER. FOR THIS REASON, SZALECZKY THOUGHT THAT 197( 8.0ORTS MAY STILL TOTAL UP TO 2,000 HEAD, ALL REGISTERED. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE SOME 1,500 HEAD FROM U.S.

5. COMMENT: REPEATED STATEMENTS BY HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS INDICATED

ALREADY IN THE PAST THAT THE 5,000 OR 6,000 YEARLY IMPORTS OF BREEDING CATTLE CANNOT BE SUSTAINED FOR EVER. HUNGARY HAS REACHED THE STAGE WHERE THE DAIRY CATTLE BREED IMPROVEMENT CAN BE SOON CARRIED OUT FROM WITHIN, WITH THE HELP OF IMPORTS OF BREEDING BULLS AND SEMEN ONLY. HUNGARIANS EXPECT THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE PAST BREEDING PROGRAM, MILK YIELD PER COW ON A NATIONAL SCALE MAY REACH 4,000 KG. A YEAR BY 1980 OR 1981, A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT OVER THE 2,400 LITER OUTPUT OBTAINED IN 1972 WHEN THE PROGRAM STARTED. BORG

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